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Subject: Provision 2 - Extending School Eligibility Beyond
3 Years

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas,
(Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri ED, Montana OPI,
Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah and
Wyoming

Our Regional Office memorandum SP 95-08, issued March 23, 1995, stated that a school's participation in Provision 2 ("Special assistance certification and reimbursement alternatives" in 7 CFR 245.9 (b)) could be extended by the State agency (SA) beyond the initial 3-year cycle if certain socioeconomic conditions in the school population were documented. SP 95-08 also stated that in order for a school to be eligible for such an extension it must already have been participating in Provision 2 as of November 2, 1994.

This present memorandum is to advise you that a SA may now permit any Provision 2 school to extend its participation beyond the 3-year cycle if the socioeconomic status of the school population, as described in SP 95-08, is properly documented. The requirement that a school must have been participating as of November 2, 1994 was eliminated from the National School Lunch Act, in Section 11 (a) (1) (D) (i), as part of Public Law 104-193 enacted in August 1996.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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